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$1,000 for Marcos victims

US judge OKs distribution of $7.5M to settle rights suit



FIRST STOP: ALBAY President Aquino arrives at the Legazpi airport on Friday to get a quick and first-hand look at the places ravaged by heavy rains and floods.

THE SETTLEMENT may amount to "loose change," but the $7.5-million pay-out for human rights abuse victims (or $1,000 for each victim) during martial law is an affirmation of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos' ill-gotten wealth, a human rights victim and former lawmaker said yesterday.

Palace slams prosecutors: No AFP consent

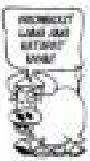
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Chavit fears his son may suffer brunt of HK anger

Peace talks on 2 battlefronts

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Ampatuans face plunder raps

By Kristine L. Alave

FAMILIES of the victims of the 2009 Maguindanao massacre yesterday filed plunder charges at the Office of the Ombudsman against 23 members of the Ampatuan family led by Andal Ampatuan Sr. and his son and namesake.

Strong case vs Globe Asiatique

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

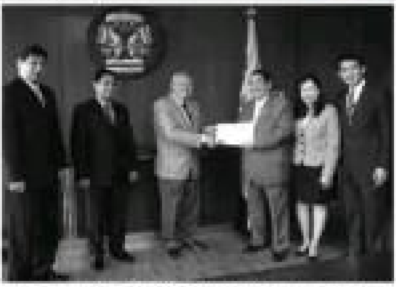
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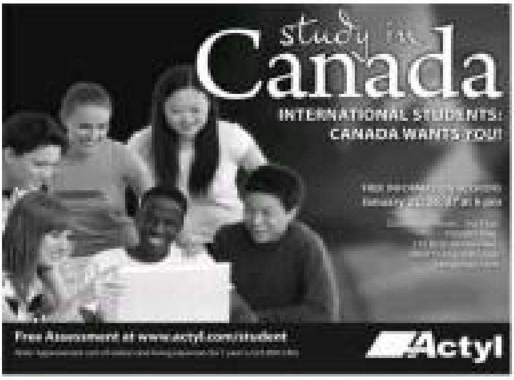
Gov't, NDF peace panels meet in Oslo for informal talks







FIRST CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION ISSUED FOR THE YEAR.





P-Noy considering total log ban in some provinces



DENUDED MOUNTAINS



QUICK RELIEF

SENATE COUP?

Enrile shrugs off rumors

Not rattled





Ex-vice gov hits 'demolition job'

Propaganda blitz

Libel threat



$1,000 each for Marcos human rights victims

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Palace slams prosecutors: No consent of aggrieved party in deal

Golez: Reyes responsible for Garcia case

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LP steers clear of Comelec search

LIBERAL PARTY (LP) members in the House of Representatives yesterday distanced themselves from election lawyer Romulo Macalintal and urged President Aquino to take his time and broaden his choices for the next chair of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Macalintal and another lawyer, Sixto Brillantes, are reportedly being considered to replace Jose Melo who will step down as Comelec chair at the end of the month.

Iloilo Rep. Neil Tupas Jr. said the President should consider other candidates and not rush into making a decision.

"I think the President would want for other candidates to emerge especially those without previous dealings in Comelec cases or those without clients with pending cases with Comelec. It's better for the President to have more names to choose from for the position of Comelec chair," said Tupas in a text message.

Cavite Rep. Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya stressed that the LP was not pushing for either Brillantes or Macalintal amid reports that LP president and defeated vice presidential bet Manuel Roxas II had reportedly thrown the party's support behind the election lawyer of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Macalintal's supposedly main rival, Brillantes, was backed by the "Samar" group, a faction in the Aquino Cabinet opposed to Roxas' Balay group.

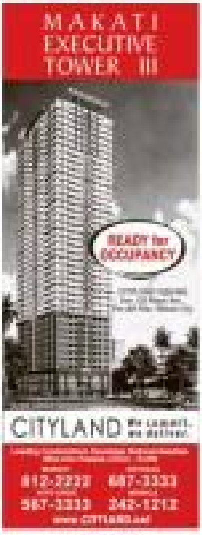
The head of a Church-based election watchdog urged President Aquino to choose a "non-partisan" candidate as the new chair of the Commission on Elections.

Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting chair Henrietta de Villa said the watchdog would not be endorsing anyone to the poll body, but hoped that whoever the President appoints would be "strictly non-partisan and does not have any vested interest to promote."

On the two lawyers reportedly being considered to replace Melo, De Villa said: "They're good lawyers, but since they were lawyers for ruling administrations (and other politicians), it remains to be seen whether this will have an effect [on their performance]."

Brillantes was Aquino's lawyer as well as former President Joseph Estrada's. Macalintal was a former lawyer of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

"I think the President would want for other candidates to emerge especially those without previous dealings in Comelec cases," said Tupas in a text message. *Gil Cabacungan and Jerome Aning*







Across the NATION

Christian teachers leaving Basilan

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Teachers fearing for their safety have been removed from their posts in schools in Basilan amid a continuing threat of kidnapping, according to education officials.

Community acceptance

Everyone's job



RETIRED Cebu archbishop Ricardo Vidal shows reporters a swimming pool at the back of his new home in Cebu City.

Vidal retires as top Church exec in Cebu

CEBU CITY—Schoolchildren lined the streets and politicians queued to greet the new archbishop of Cebu on Thursday.

VP promises land titles for victims of Pinatubo

MABALACAT, Pampanga—Vice President Jejomar Binay on Friday promised to speed up the titling of houses and lots granted by the government to Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales residents, who were displaced by Mt. Pinatubo's eruptions in 1991 and lahar flows until 1997.

Monument rises for veterans of Korean War



6 in SUV stop, hijack postal delivery van

INQUIRER Visayas

Nang Titang: Keeper of 'Sinulog' dance

By Mars G. Alison
Cebu City

LONG BEFORE there ever was a "Sinulog" mardi gras where contingents are taught by choreographers to perform the festival's dance steps, there was Nang Titang.

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Family tradition

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Offering

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Private dances

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NANG TITANG performs the "Tabod Espada" with her nephew and niece at the lawn of Casa Gorordo grounds the day after the Sinulog Grand Parade in 2010.



NANG TITANG plays the "tambol" (drum) while her grandnephews and grandnieces watch the day after the Sinulog Grand Parade in 2010.



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ANG KRED
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Juan L. Mercado

Trillanes version vs FCR, which to believe?

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Solita Collas-Monsod

Changes in hunger over time

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Yes or no?

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Adrian M. Bonifacio

Literacy—A shared concern

COMMENTARY

Neni Sta. Romana Cruz

Private sector corruption

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God-sent column stirs up hope in Batad

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Losses from subsidies

Building up case

Broad strokes

Chavit fears his son may suffer brunt



Dire consequences

Wrong advice

Verdict on Jan. 26

'He is a victim'

Business partners

'Jeopardy' champs in peril of losing

Deep Blue

First round winner

First on the button

Medical diagnosis

It is fallible

Tall Nigerian among rookie UP Maroons

SPORTS



Texters gain finals; Kings still kicking

By Musong R. Castillo

Unbeaten Lady Archers may forfeit 4 volley wins

By Jasmine W. Payo

Patriots, Indonesian five in crucial encounter

By Jasmine W. Payo



Ikeda fires 70, romps to PH Ladies title by 6

By Musong R. Castillo



CHIHIRO Ikeda (left) hugs her friend Dottie Ardina after beating her to the championship.

CJH Chairman's Cup tees off today

400 SEA Games athletes eyed

La Salle-Dasma trips PMMS, books volley finals via sweep

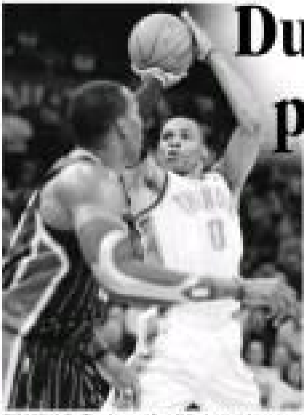
Fat paycheck up for grabs in Slasher Cup

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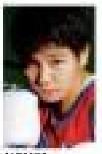


Manolo R. Iñigo

Durant, W'brook power Thunder



Vargas to Albania: Where's the unfairness?



ALBANIA

FEU opens football defense, eyes chess victory

Battling for bigger boxing pool? Good luck!

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MCC 1900 chess up


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'Report cabbies charging higher rates'

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Cop accused of rape surrenders to DOJ

De Lima says 'fearful' Manila policeman placed under NBI custody

By Marlon Ramos

DID somebody play a practical joke on the media?

MPD chief to request retention of 9 police officials

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P-Noy still acting like President Cory's son

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Ramon Tulfo

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Old tunnel discovered along Edsa

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4 Caloocan cops in drugs video relieved

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Marikina wants to be sports capital

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Firms seek suspension of plastics ban

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Over 500 dead in Brazil's worst-ever disaster

Clinton assails Arab leaders

Says without reforms, countries risked sinking in sand



CLINTON

Australia city digs out from icky, sticky muck

Poland protests Russian report on air crash

China driver draws life for evading tolls

Anxious before a test? Study offers easy solution

The WORLD

Tunisia leader bows to unrest, sets exit

TUNIS—Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, facing the worst unrest of his rule, said on Thursday he would not run again when his term ends in 2014, prompting scenes of celebration in the streets of the capital.



BEN ALI

Reuters



Tucson grieves for youngest victim at funeral

New York Times News Service

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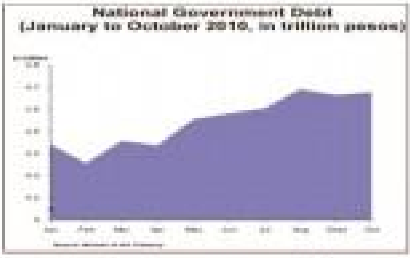
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Bank lending grows 9% to ₱2.24T



BSP says credit expansion reflects continued economic growth

BANK LENDING grew at a faster pace in November, a development monetary officials attributed to strong demand for loans given rising consumption and investments.

PH debt burden rises to ₱4.68T

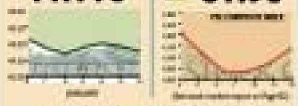
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Stocks rebound on foreign buying

Privatization proceeds hit only ₱900M in 2010



Globe cuts data roaming fees for Filipino travelers

Taps partnership with regional carriers

By Paolo G. Montecillo

AYALA-LED GLOBE Telecom Inc. has cut data roaming fees to international destinations most frequented by Filipino travelers.

In a statement, the company said it has launched an unlimited data roaming plan for its subscribers—the first of its kind to be offered by any local telecommunications firm.

It said this was made possible through the strengthening of the company's involvement in the Bridge Alliance, a partnership between 11 mobile carriers across the region that aims to bring international phone service rates down.

Through this, Globe announced the launch of its Bridge DataRoam Unlimited service. "This is the alliance's response to the rising popularity of unlimited mobile data roaming for travelers visiting the Asia-Pacific region," the company said.

Unparalleled in the market, the plan offers unlimited data roaming at a one flat rate across all Bridge Alliance member networks that include Globe (Philippines), Airtel (India), AIS (Thailand), SingTel Mobile (Singapore), SingTel Optus (Australia) and Telkomsel (Indonesia), CSL (Hong Kong), CTM (Macau), Maxis (Malaysia) and Taiwan Mobile (Taipei) are also part of the alliance.

Depending on their length of stay in a selected country, Globe customers can choose a specific plan that fits their needs: $18 for 1 day, $27 for 3 days and $48 for 5 days. Previously, roaming rates varied depending on the location of the subscriber.

"Globe introduces another innovative service to our subscribers with Bridge DataRoam Unlimited. This offer is a testament to the shared commitment between Globe and members of Bridge Alliance to synergize our resources to deliver relevant services across our markets at affordable rates," Globe president and CEO Ernest Cu said.

"With the fixed charges of Bridge DataRoam Unlimited, our customers are saved from the hassle of tracking their data roaming use without having to worry about sudden charges in their phone bills," he said.

Globe is the second biggest mobile carrier in the Philippines, ending last year with more than 25 million subscribers. Its the lead is Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), which has over 45 million users. Together, both firms make up about 98 percent of the industry.

Mindoro mine to acquire new nickel area

By Riza T. Olchondra

MINDORO RESOURCES Ltd. has signed an agreement to acquire a significant new area containing nickel laterite beside its existing Tapian project in Surigao del Norte.

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Belle signs up LR for casino project

By Doris C. Dumlao

LEISURE ESTATE and gaming firm Belle Corp. has tapped a unit of Leisure and Resorts World Corp. to operate a P20-billion casino complex that will rise along the Manila Bay reclamation area by the end of this year.

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US economy facing headwinds; trade gap narrowed in Nov.

US seeks 'more equitable' trade relations with China

Asia share prices mixed after weak US jobs data

BNP Paribas to focus on Asia wealth marts



In '11, FDI inflows may continue to be sluggish

BSP may hike key rates to avert inflation spike

Investors wait for PPP benefits to take effect

By Michelle V. Remo



A Milestone Finish

Hyundai caps 2010 with a more than 20,000-unit sales feat

PROPERTY



World's first negative ion hotel

Providing healing, wellness

Cost-effective way



SCIENCE/HEALTH



Spa zeroes in on the 'negative'

IN NATURE, not all that is negative is bad for your health. And if you're a health enthusiast, you've probably heard of the benefits of negative ions.

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Complete opposite

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Ringing in on treating tinnitus

DISCOVER



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Silence internal ringing

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Refined for more testing

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A lesson from Jared Lee Loughner

MEDICAL FILES



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Investing in the most premium nutrition

By Charles E. Buban

Oxidative damage

3 products

C-Network says no to cancer

Components, functions

'Greenwashers in sheep's clothing'

By Tessa R. Salazar



World's first negative ion hotel







PROPERTY



BLACK and white...



GOLDEN ...

My new color palette

DESIGN DIMENSIONS



PROPERTY





Asia's first underwater resort hotel to be built off Palawan

THIS COUNTRY is all set to embrace a futuristic underwater project to rival those in Maldives, Dubai and Fiji, according to a Filipino team of developer and architects who is set to build an underwater resort hotel in the islands of Palawan.

Dubbed as the Coral World Park, this multibillion-peso project will set the record as Asia's first underwater resort development and the biggest undersea living in the world once the project is completed by 2012.

Picture this: You wake up to a picture perfect view of fabulously swimming marine tops and fishes or hold a meeting in a restaurant submerged in the pristine waters. Say what? All these aren't science fiction according to an all-Filipino team behind the project.

Taking the helm is Singapore-based businessman Paul Moloney who is known for his advocacies of helping Pinoy sports teams and the overseas remittance business. Partnering with Moloney is renowned eco architect Jose "Pinggoy" Mañosa who will take charge of the architectural design of the Coral World Park.

"It's high time we brought sustainable development underwater because there have been similar projects elsewhere in the world that have been proven successful," Moloney told Inquirer Property in an exclusive interview Wednesday.

He cited global warming and the rising water levels as factors that pushed him to look into the possibility of exploring the readiness of the country for this kind of revolutionary development.

Pegged at some $150 million, the underwater structure takes pride in its 24 undersea suites or pods called "Aquanauts" which are submerged 60 feet below sea level with a fascinating 270-degree view of the sea. The 15-foot high Aquanauts will be built by a US firm that specializes on submarines.

Several units of these Aquanauts will be open for public viewing at reasonable rates while majority are for ownership. Each 58-square meter Aquanaut (the size of 2-bedroom condo unit) can be customized per owner's preference. It can be used as a private villa, a meeting or entertainment room that could cater to as many as 15 people.

Filipino ingenuity

How can one move from one pod/suite to another? The Coral World Park will be built with submarine technology. The mode of transport will be through glass bottom mini submarines to be powered by the first mobile hydropower system which generates up to 1 megawatt of electricity. This will use a patented water recycling and pressure chamber invented by an all-Filipino team of engineers, Moloney said.

"The project will show to the world Filipino ingenuity as 80 percent of the project will be run and manned by Filipinos, from engineers to architects down to personnel," Moloney said. "When completed, the proposed underwater habitat will be the biggest in the world."

Also part of the futuristic project is a 50-bedroom island boutique hotel complete with amenities like casinos, spa, business center and an underwater restaurant to be named "Starfish" that could seat as many as 200 people in its 600-square meter dining area. A seahorse-shaped science resort aptly called "Seahorse Science Center" will be built for scientists and will serve as the park's marine observatory and conservation center showcasing the richness of marine life in the Philippines.

ASIA'S B2



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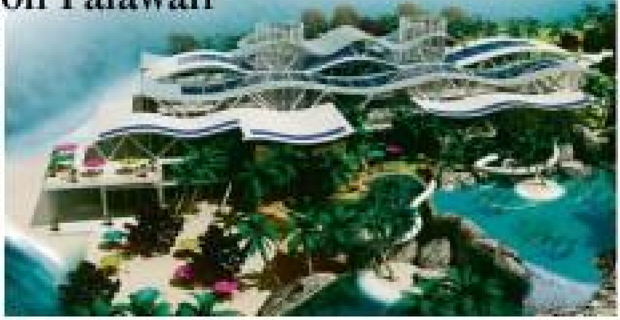
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Asia's first underwater resort hotel to be built off Palawan

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Conservation tourism

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DINE underwater at the Starfish Restaurant

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Tropical resort theme enjoys brisk sales



5.14-hectare sanctuary



City break at The Trion Towers



Units

Exciting life

Savannah bigger, better, stronger as it turns 10

Grandest urban central

Amenities



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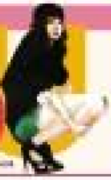


Secluded mountain hideaway in Tagaytay

Alta Monte is a sprawling 13-hectare, self-contained executive village that features Mediterranean- and Asian-themed homes set in lush tropical surroundings

Energy efficient

Amenities, facilities



LIFESTYLE





What's *underneath:* my 2011 lingerie outlook

After a few minutes of thorough scrutiny, my mother asked, 'Are you wearing a bra?'

By Dominique Tiu

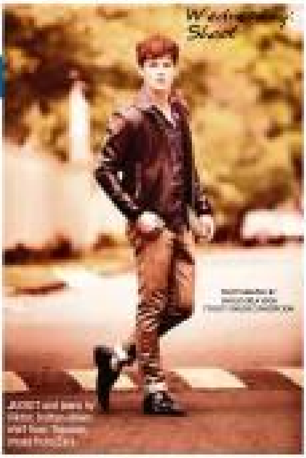
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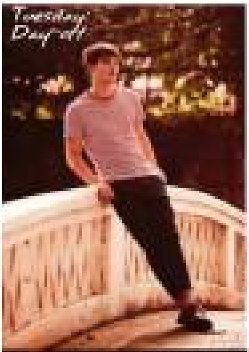
Lingerie experiment

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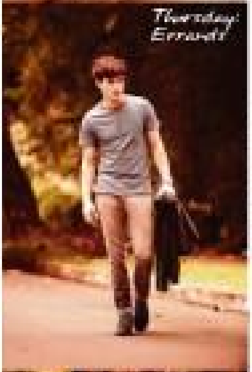


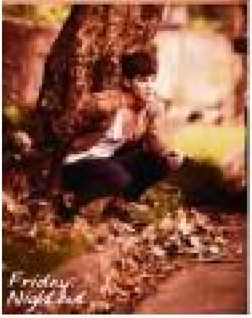
He's ready for the world











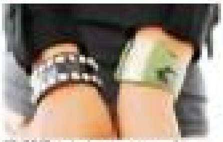
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STUDDED leather bracelet and camouflage watch





Get your combat on



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There's a military invasion in fashion—gear up in army jackets, cargo pants and boots

Military jacket

Cargo pants

Olive-colored top

Combat boots

Your own style



STYLE staple: The military jacket

Review:

The final clue is here

The ambitious 39 Clues series concludes with the tidy, meaty 'Into the Gauntlet'

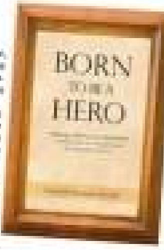
By Ruel S. De Vera



Revelations

Reflections

How to bring out the hero in you



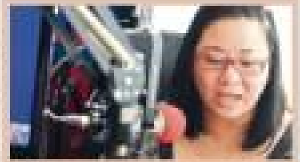
What is a life coach?

This coaching book might just change your life



We're all in the same boat

Everybody can be a hero



Quick tips from Coach Pia

Tip 1: Learn to say No.

Tip 2: Block off any negative feedback made by your parents.

Tip 3: Start investing in your financial future.

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Favorite quotes from 'Born to be a Hero'

Your guide to real style

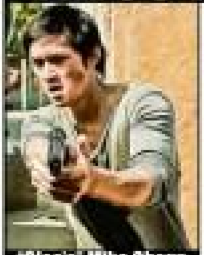
Chapters on style



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Three minutes with Harry Shum Jr.



"Glee's" Mike Chang is now a light saber-wielding action star

By Pam Pastor

HOW LONG does it take to make the leap from dancer to action star? If you're Harry Shum Jr. ...



THUNDER ROAD
James Gabrillo

Super meets the stars of 'Boardwalk Empire'

Part 2 of our exclusive interviews with the cast of TV's biggest show

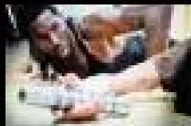


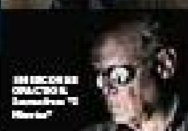


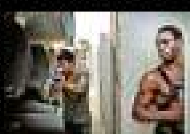
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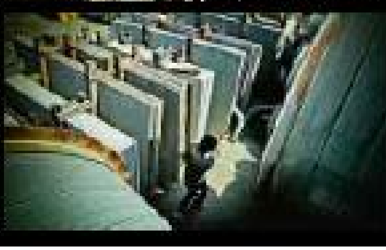






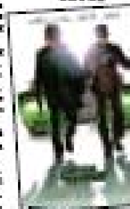






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Superheroes and long-awaited sequels make for a thrilling year ahead

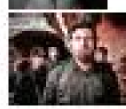




The hottest concer

What to watch out (and save up) for in the first half of the year

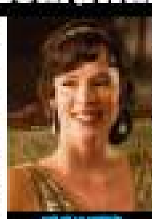






Super meets the stars of 'Boardwalk Empire'



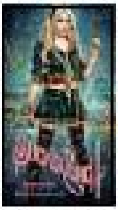




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BEAUTIFUL RESOLUTIONS FOR A NEW YEAR, NEW YOU AT SM DEPARTMENT STORE

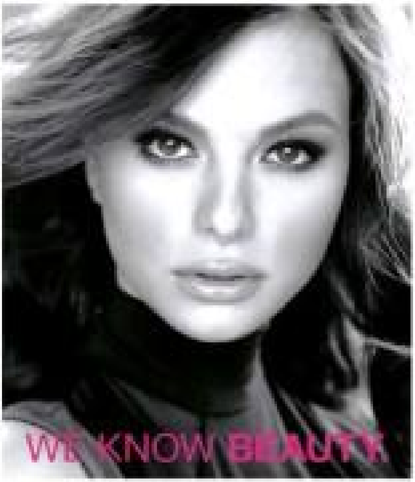
Start the year right with a renewed spirit and a fresh outlook. And along with your personal, financial, or career-related resolutions, don't forget to come up with beauty resolutions to look better and feel better.

Now is the best time to look into your skin care routine and look into ways to have flawless, radiant skin. And as it has been in the past, fair skin is considered a sign of great beauty. In ancient Persia, field workers routinely exposed to the sun used pure hydroquinone, a natural chemical compound to keep their skin soft, and light in color. In Japan, Geisha tried many different methods to lighten the color of their skin, along with the application of very heavy white make-up.

The color of skin is determined by the amount of pigments (or melanin) present in it. Asian skin contains a heterogeneous mixture of two types of melanin known as phaeomelanin and eumelanin that ultimately result in pigmentation irregularities like dark spots and increased sensitivity to the rays of the sun. That is why prolonged exposure to the sun should be avoided, or at least protected with an umbrella or sunscreen.

The good news is that with new technology and research, skin-lightening products are readily available over the counter in the form of creams, soaps, and lotions. And there are a lot of safe and non-irritating skin- lightening products to choose from in the market.

You can't go wrong with those enriched with natural extracts like papaya, honey and licorice, as well as those with hydrating, moisturizing, and UV blocking properties. Here are some beauty picks for a fairer, more radiant you from the SM Department Store's Beauty Section.



THE GREAT WHITE WAY



These are available at the Beauty Section of SM Department Stores and at Watsons stores nationwide.

Super LifeStyle







New interaction site is double-edged sword

Three words spell disaster

By Tobi Tang
Contributor

AS SOMEONE who loves the Internet so much that I can write odes about it, I also know that underneath all that loveliness lies a sleeping monster. It can be awakened to fury with a wrongly worded statement, a bad photo or a viral video. If you're an Internet celebrity, self-professed or otherwise, then chances are that for every admirer, you have a hater waiting in the wings.

Take for example the new social interaction website threewords.me. Its premise is pretty simple: once you sign up with them, people can type in three words in the boxes provided for each with words that they think describe you best. The interface is easy, too, which is reminiscent of the excessively simple word boxes of magnetic poetry.

As more and more people post descriptions of you, these are collected on your page for everyone to see. Posters have the option to include their name or user name if they are registered, too, or they can simply list themselves as "anonymous," which is where the trouble begins.

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Where to Stop Where to Go

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Hilton Cebu Resort and Spa celebrates the Year of the Rabbit



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January Drinks of the Month at Pan Pacific Manila



Experience Italian nights at Makati Shang



La Nouvelle Cuisine du Chef at The Rotisserie



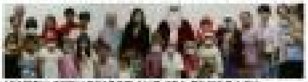
Brick oven-baked pizzas and afternoon tea buffet

Tokyo Café goes 'Banzai' at SM Megamall today



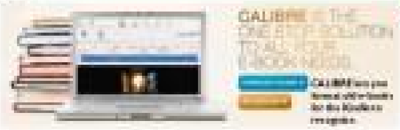


A venue for your extreme sports adventure



HILTON CEBU RESORT AND SPA GIVES BACK

Delectable duck dishes at The Fireplace



Before doing anything else, check your settings





How to enjoy your brand-new gadget

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iPad/iPod Touch/iPhone 4

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VLC Player (Free)

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Angry Birds/Plants vs Zombies

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Kindle

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Do you have enough friends to fill up a plane?

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Cebu Pacific wants to know

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Three words ...

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Editor Nestor U. Torre • Associate Editor Rito P. Asilo

SATURDAY Special

New stars come into their own

By Nestor U. Torre

LITERALLY HUNDREDS of young hopefuls try their damnedest best to make it in the biz each season, but only a few succeed. Who are the hottest comers for 2011?

On the big screen, Marilou Diaz-Abaya's new spiritual drama, "Ikaw ang Pag-ibig," fields Ina Feleo and child actor, Yogo Singh, in strong, memorable roles. The inspiring film, which was premiered in Naga two weeks ago and at ABS-CBN lately. The... last Jan. 19, casts the gifted Ina to the pivotal role of a conflicted single mother who is eventually helped by the Virgin of Peñafrancia to resolve her personal, familial and spiritual issues.

For his part, Yogo is cast as her love child, and comes up with a performance that's so natural that it shows up many other juvenile actors for the silly little fakers they are.

"Ikaw ang Pag-ibig" has won raves from its preview audiences, so do watch it when its theater run starts on Feb. 9. If the spiritual production clicks with viewers, it could motivate other filmmakers and financiers to come up with similarly enriching and ennobling movies.

On the small screen, Louise de los Reyes is being given her big break in the title role of the new fantasy telenovela, "Mutya." Another relative newbie, Aiko Gonzaga, guest... in "Nag Bakasyon..."

Special effects

How will they fare in their stellar bids? The trouble with fantasy TV series is that the actors are often thoroughly upstaged by the far-out makeup, costumes and special effects—so, the new stars have their work cut out for them to get noticed despite all those giddy visuals.

In addition, Aiko's previous TV forays in comedy and teen romance have indicated that, like her older sister, Toni, she tends to be a "qualitative" performer who needs more... and sympathetic warming up.

In the field of music, vocalist and harpist Noelle Cassandra is coming on strong as a unique entertainer who isn't only talented but knows how to express herself and stand out in a field of imitators rather than genuine talents.

Let's hope that more people discover her unique musical persona soon, so she will enjoy the success and popularity that is rightfully hers.

Back on the big screen, Mateo Guidicelli is being given his big break as a movie actor in a film pairing him off with Sarah Geronimo. Mateo is nice and really eager to please, but his "Tagalog problem" may get in the way of his ascent to the top of the teen film heap.

Cues

In addition, sometime back, we saw him acting as a presenter in an awards show, and he got his cues mixed up. And, on a recent TV drama, he turned in a disappointingly lackluster performance.

—Which is why we wonder if he's ready for all the big roles coming his way. Despite everything, we find him promising—but, in the biz, when the big breaks come, you've got to be ready for them.

Despite "evidence" to the contrary in local show biz, looks aren't everything. Mateo's handlers may want to give him more time to really get his act together before they "officially" launch his stellar bid in a big way. The trouble with some big breaks is, if the timing isn't exactly right, they have a bad habit of—breaking!




FELEO AND SINGH. Strong, memorable roles in Marilou Diaz-Abaya's "Ikaw ang Pag-ibig."

NOW SHOWING

Less than the sum of its parts

By Rito P. Asilo

IT ISN'T every day that you'll see Barbra Streisand advocating the benefits of role-playing in marital sex. Or Dustin Hoffman taking up the flamenco as a quick fix to "menopause." Or Owen Wilson "recruiting" Deepak Chopra and the Bolshoi Ballet to help him propose to his girlfriend. Or Robert De Niro defibrillating (!) himself during cardiac arrest. Or Ben Stiller finishing off the worst adversary of—Jessica Alba?! Just another day in loony Hollywood, right?

Actually, those amusing scenes are from "Little Fockers," about the domestic misadventures of Gaylord "Greg" Focker (Stiller), whose "in-law" blues continue in Paul Weitz's follow-up to 2000's "Meet The Parents" and "Meet The Fockers" (2004).

Acknowledging that he isn't in the best of health, ex-CIA agent, Jack Byrnes (De Niro), appoints his daughter's husband, Greg, as the new head of the clan—the "Godfocker." The latter is more than pleased about his new assignment, but is nevertheless flattered that his hard-to-please father-in-law has finally found him worthy of such a responsibility.

ASILO F3



DE NIRO AND STILLER. Silliness trumps logic.

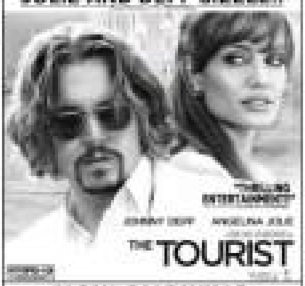


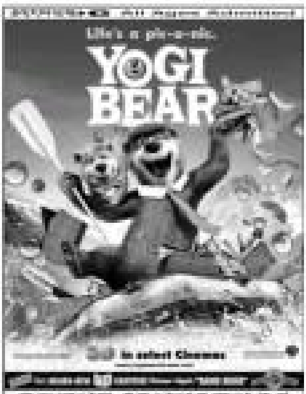
FANS' DAY

'Wish Ko Lang' mirrors society's ills

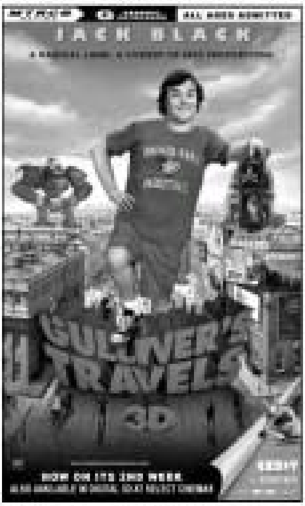












LA concert celebrates UST's 400th anniversary

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales





UST SINGERS ALUMNI. Performs with the Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 21

LOS ANGELES—The Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra (Fasoc) pays tribute to the University of Santo Tomas' 400th anniversary when it performs for the first time in the majestic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Jan. 21.

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Top prizes

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Less than the sum ...

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Novelty

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Tales of love and hope are a breath of fresh air

By Ronald S. Mangubat

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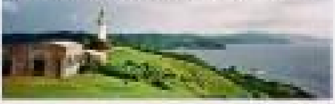
K. Valencia and S. Hamard

Our home in the spiritual realm

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Viewers should do the laughing

By Nestor U. Torre

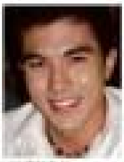
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Too similar

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Participation

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SATURDAY Special

There's always room for improvement



SHALANI. Can she carry a tune?



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MMFF needs to revisit its original intent



"JOSE RIZAL." Combination of quality and commercial viability

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Verdicts

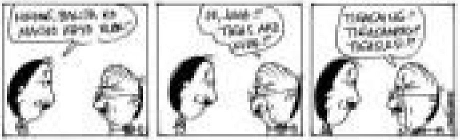
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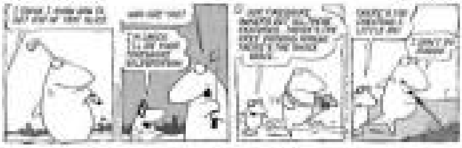














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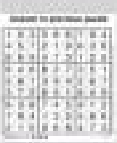
By Francis Drake

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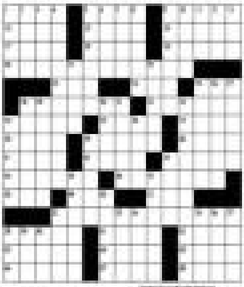
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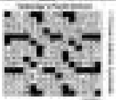
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Crossword Puzzle





Procession pays homage to the Sto. Niño

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

Gallery

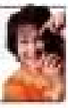




EXHIBIT of Santo Niño images opens on Jan. 20.

There's always room . . .

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Temptation

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Revolutionary

A THOUSAND WORDS

Rosa Rosal: Acclaimed actress and selfless volunteer

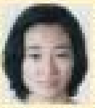


ROSAL: Constant source of inspiration

Cameo role

Noble endeavors

Spotlight Artists Center holds scriptwriting workshop



Renewed efforts

International guitar festival at CCP



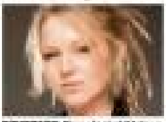
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PLDT Tripod launched

Idols' debut albums

Movies on TV



Charity begins at home?

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Editor Jong Arceo



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By Tessa R. Salazar

Volvo celebrates 16th year in the country



Lexus offers special anniversary packages



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Grand Suzuki Invasion rocks SM MOA

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MENCHIE Ramirez

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Motor Image extends Subaru All-Winning Deals for Legacy and Forester





Home Depot awards AutoLotto 2 promo winners

A revolutionizing car accessories shop

FIA chief brings road safety message to Manila

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Volt wins top award at Detroit Auto Show

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[illegible] 2011 North American Car of the Year, awarded to the company's Chevrolet Volt. AFP PHOTO

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